JEFFERSON CLUB ELECTION BILL DEBATED BEFORE COMMITTEES.

St. Louis Democrats and Republicans Argue for and Against the Proposed New Law at Interesting Public Hearing-Efforts of Opponents of Bill Directed Mainly to Criticism of Phraseology and Laudations of the Filley Law - Mayor Wells and Harry B. Hawes Explain Why Substitute for the Nesbit Law Is Proposed.

SUMMARY OF MIS SOURI ASSEMBLY.

Democrats and Republicans from St. Louis held the calcium light at the General As-sembly to-day. The delegation of Jefferson Club Democrats arrived on a neen train and spent the afternoon with members of the Senate and House working up sentiment on the new election bill which they have submitted to take the place of the so-called Neshit

A bill providing for an increase in the salaries of the Jackson County Circuit Judges was passed by the House after a spirited debate.

The Senate passed a bill making chicken stealing at night a felony. The offense is

now a misdemeanor.

Senator Jewell of Kansas City introduced a bill compelling street car companies issue transfers on transfers. The committee substitute for the original Juvenile Court bill was reported favorably

by Senator Kinealy. Representative Tapley of Pike County introduced a bill prohibiting the sale of intox-

leants on the World's Fair grounds. Farris's bill permitting Recorders to keep the issuance of marriage licenses secret

> CHICKEN STEALING DEBATED. Senate Passes Bill to Make the Offense

our mothers, daughters and farmers by imposing a felony which will keep these thieves from our doors."

In a few minutes Senator McNatt asked why no one arose in defense of the roosters. "They are amply able to defend themselves," was the answer.

McIndoe and Waiker spoke against the bill, while Bradley of Johnson, Dowell, Farris and Matthews favored it in eloquent aspeches.

openes.
On roll call it was passed by a vote of 26 to 5. Those voting in the negative were: Smith. Young, McIndoe, McKindy and

FOR UNIVERSAL TRANSFERS.

Senator Jewell's Bill Would Affect

Street Railway Companies.

SENATE PASSES MARRIAGE BILL.

Would Keep Licenses From Public for

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—Farris's bill
to prevent newspapers from publishing the
issuance of marriage licenses until after the
return is made passed the Senate this afternoon by a vote of 18 to 12. Farris was the
only Senator who spoke in favor of the
measure, and in the course of his argument
he insisted that he had no desire to limit
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BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 13.—One of the most interesting public hearings of the present session of the Legislature was held in the Senate chamber to-night to hear the arguments on Senate bill No. 235, introduced by Senator Kinealy, and prepared by the Jefferson Club Committee. Nearly all of the members of the Senate and House Elections committees were present, Chair-men Morton and McKee presiding over the joint session. The lobby was well filled with interested Senators and Representatives, who listened attentively to the speeches of

for three months was passed by the Senate.

who listened attentively to the speeches of Democrats and Republicans. Summed up, the arguments of the Republicans went little farther than criticisms of phraseology and laudations of the Filley law. One speaker objected to the office force of the Election Commissioners being divided equally as far as possible. As this clause was put in simply to cover cases where a clerk might be an odd man, the criticism was easily answered by the friends of the bill.

HAWES DENOUNCES CHARGES. HAWES DENOUNCES CHARGES.

"The Filley law gave us Zeigenhein and his 'moon yet, ain't it.' said George J. Tausey. "The Nesbit law gave us the best Mayor we have had for a quarter of a century. Judge them by their fruits."

Harry B. Hawes closed the argument by explaining the reasons for presenting the Jefferson Club bill.

"When the Nesbit law was passed in 1896," he said, "there were 132,000 names on the book. Now there are 128,000, with a big increase in population. If there had been a normal increase in population, as indicated by the Filley law registration, there would now be 145,000 names on the polibooks.

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We come nere as representatives of the party in power simply to preserve the fair name of St. Louis. We deny that St. Louis was carried by fraud. The law was not assailed until an outraged citizenship had arisen and turned the Republican party

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 13.—There are many ways of killing time, and the Senate discovered one way to-day by spending three hours discussing Dickinson's bill to make chicken-stealing at night a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

The measure brought out all of the reserve oratory of the Senators. Dickinson gave the meat of the argument when he exclaimed that any chicken thief would commit murder in order to escape capture. There was a recent case of this sort near Lexington which led to the introduction of the bill.

Biggs followed with a culogy of the fruitful hen that aroused the pride of every Missourian present. He told of the great value of the hens to the State and pleaded for their protection from marauders.

McKinley disagreed by saying the punishment was too great for the crime. "Negroes have been educated for 200 years to steal," he said, "and now to make it a felony for one of them to take a hen from the roost is wrong. I think this is the littlest bill which has been introduced this session." from power.

"We came here partly in response to the charge that the Jefferson Club was responsible for the Neshit law. We came here chiefly to keep Republican papers from sending to Eastern papers reports that Democrats had stolen three elections. The new bill should stop the outrageous abuse of the city of St. Louis. We hope to stop the infamous abuse of the city of which we are so proud."

MAYOR WELLS SPEAKS.

Each side was allowed an hour and a half to present arguments. Mayor Wells, John F. Lee and Thomas K. Skinker were the first orators for the Democrats They were followed by John A. Gilliam, Charles Nagel, Charles A. Powers, Eugene McQuillan and Louis P. Aloe, George J. Tousey and Harry B. Hawes made the last speeches.

Mayor Wells explained the history of the bill and some of the reasons for introducing it as a substitute for the so-called Nesbit law. He was followed by Mr. Lee, one of the subcommittee of five, in an exhaustive analysis of the bill, comparing its provisions with those of the law of 1856 and 1859. His speech was closely followed, the reasons for the different provisions and their effect being clearly explained.

Mr. Skinker spoke of the extraordinary precautions which were taken to guard against fraudulent registration, especially the provisions relating to publicity of all lists.

GILLIAM PRAISES THE BILL.

lists.

Mr. Gilliam, president of the Merchants' League Club, made the first Republican speech against the measure. He reviewed the old Filley law, and suggested amendments to Senate bill No. 235. He paid many compliments to the Jefferson Club bill, and to the sincerity of the men who had framed the measure.

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"Every one of them whom I know could be trusted with my purse or reputation," he said. "They have tried honestly to frame a good law. I think they have overlooked only a few points."

Charles A. Powers, Republican City Committeeman, presented amendments to the Jefferson Club bill, most of them being of a minor nature.

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a minor nature.

Charles Nagel congratulated the Jefferson Club committee on the improvements in their bill over the present law, but insisted that there were flaws.

Eugene McQuillan and Louis P. Aloe both mentioned specific phrases and spoke of possibilities of fraud.

George J. Tausey of the Jefferson Club committee answered the arguments of the Republicans. He asked the Assembly to judge the Filley and the Nesbit laws by their fruits. Most of the criticisms were characterized as captious. Harry Hawes closed the debate.

SENATOR-ELECT STONE PRESENT.
Senator-elect William J. Stone was one of the attendants at the hearing. Included in the St. Louis delegations of Democrats were Mayor Wells, Harry B. Hawes. John F. Lee, George J. Tausey, Thomas F. Crews, homas K. Skinker, Charles Skinker, John al. Wood, T. J. Ward, James Y. Player. Charles W. Bates, William J. Flynn, Ford Combs. Frank M. Kleiber, John R. Butler, John J. Burke and John P. Dolan.

Among the Republicans present were Charles Nagel, George C. Hitchcock, William H. Hahn, Charles A. Powers, Louis P. Aloe, Eugene McQuillan, John A. Gillam, Clinton A. Welsh and William J. Bocker.

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ST. LOUIS MEMBERS SURPRISED. Bill Introduced to Prohibit Sale of Liquor at World's Fair. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

measure, and in the course of his argument he insisted that he had no desire to limit newspapers.

"Marriage is a civil contract and is a personal matter," he said. "Some say that bad marriages will be protected by a failure to announce them to the world. Let me tell you that I have seen unions which the world applauded turn out to be the worst, while others which the world condemned were the best. These people who wish to prevent secret marriages have never heard the sweet prattle of a babe. I do not expect the law to protect the chastity of my three little girls. They will learn the proper lessons at their mother's kness."

No other speeches were made.

The bill originated in a quarrel which the Recorder of Cole County had with the Jefferson City Tribune. He refused to give out the names of those securing marriage li-REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—Mr. Tapley of Pike caused surprise to-day by introducing a bill in the House to prohibit the sale of intoxicants on the grounds of the World's Fair during the Exposition.

The bill contains five sections. The first prohibits any "company, corporation or person engaged in conducting an Exposition or World's Fair, where women and children are allowed to enter," from selling, exposing for sale or giving away any intoxicating liquors, "including whisky, wine, gin, beer or ale or any other malt or vinous liquors" upon the grounds or within any building of said World's Fair.

Section 2 prohibits the granting to any person the right to enter the World's Fair.

By allowing the Recorder to wait until the By allowing the Recorder to wait until the return is made, which may be ninety days from the date by issuance of the license, all knowledge of the fact may be kept secret. The roll call on the bill was as follows: Ayes-Nick Bradley, Buchanan, Costello, Dowell, Farris, Flelds, Heather, Jewell, Lee, McDavid, McIndoe, McKinley, McNatt, Marshall, Morton, Nesson, Sartorious, Schoenlaub-18, Noes-Bigs, John L. Bradley, Clarke, Dickinson, Martin, Matthews, Rubey, Smith, Stubbs, Vories, Walker and Young-12.

SALARIES OF JUDGES INCREASED. Bill Affecting Kansas City Drew Out Crisp's Fireworks.

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Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—After spending it good part of four sessions in discussion about providing for a Jury Commission and increasing the salary of the Circuit Judges from \$5,500 to \$5,000 a year, the House finally passed the bill this evening by a vote of \$5 to 24.

The bill relates only to Jackson County. The Judges of the Circuit and the Criminal Court are constituted a jury commission, and each is allowed \$1,500 a year for this service, which makes the increase in salary. This increase seems to be the real

ary. This increase seems to be the real motive behind the bill, although it has other local features.

There was a big delegation from Kansas City and Jackson County present. All the Kanras City members favored the bill but Colonel Crisp of Jackson, who assumes a homicidal attitude when any one suggests that he represents Kansas City. He opposed it with a half dozen speeches. Yesterday and during the forenion to-day Crisp kept up a hot fire on the bill, but in the afternoon he withdrew his objections and then voted against it on its passage.

The presence of such a large delegation from Kansas City angered Crisp. He pald his compliments to them in a choice assortment of epithets, such as "bowlegged jackalis with fish mouths" cut in their hideous faces. He denounced them as men with torashawks in their hands and warned them on their peril to "keep their carcasses out of the eastern part of Jackson County." He closed his numerous speeches by walking down in front of the clerk's deek and hurling defiance at the Kansas City politicians, singly and collectively.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE. Two Bradleys Succeed in Getting Im-portant Bills Pussed.

grounds for the purpose of selling or giving away intoxicants.

Section 3 provides for the forfeiture of the charter granted by the State to the World's Fair if the first two sections of the bill are violated. A violation of sections 1 and 2 also provides that the World's Fair Company "shall be enjoined from transacting any business within the limits of the State, and such forfeiture and injunction may be decreed by the Circuit or County Court' having jurisdiction in that locality. Suit shall be instituted in the name of the State. Either the Prosecuting Attorney or the Attorney General may file suit.

Section 4 repeats the prohibition contained in sections 1 and 2.

Section 5 adds additional penalties for a violation of the law, making the same a misdemeanor, punishable by fine of from \$100 to \$1,000.

Mr. Tapley says that he introduced the bill partly at the suggestion of a large number of persons who believe it would be wrong to sell intoxicants at the World's Fair. He said he was not acting in behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union or any other organization; that he had prepared the bill himseif and thought it would meet with the approval of all persons who are opposed to the sale of malt and spirituous liquors on the Expesition grounds. Beyond this Mr. Tapley Would not go. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—Two companion bills introduced by Senator Dowell removing the exemption from wages of workingmen to an amount equal to 19 per cent were passed by the Senate this morning. The bills make a radical departure from the present practice, as workingmen's wages are entirely exempt from garnishment.

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Young and Martin said that, though they are individually opposed to the bill, a large number of their constituents ask for their support.

Morton said that he is opposed to giving Juntices of the Peace the power to run up costs on wages simply to collect 10 per cent.

Martin's bill empowering the Railroad Commissioners to compel railroad companies to maintain depot facilities at stopping points was passed.

Bradiey of Johnson, chairman of the World's Fair Committee, succeeded in passing the bill removing all licenses from foreign insurance companies and enterprises at the World's Fair.

Senator Kinealy reported the committee substitute for the original juvenile court bill and 300 copies were ordered printed.

The bill introduced by Bradley of St.

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The bill introduced by Bradley of St. Francols compelling railroad companies to furnish transportation to stock shippers to and from the market was passed.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RETURNS. Will Resume Inquiry Into Get-Rich-Quick Schemes To-Day.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—The Turf Investment Committee of the General Assembly will meet to-morrow at the Southern Hotel. The next day it will go to Kansas City, where testimony will be taken.

The Penitentiary Committee will go to Kansas City to-morrow afternoon and hold sessions Saturday and Monday.

SUBSTITUTE FOR SELPH'S BILL. Committee Would Permit Amuse ments Within 1,000 Feet.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—The House Committee on World's Fair has decided to report a substitute for the bill introduced by Mr. Selph of St. Louis prohibiting amusements or the sale of liquors within 2.000 feet of the World's Fair. The substitute changes the original bill by cutting the distance down to 1.900 feet and exempting those who may now have contracts contrary to the provisions of the law.

Separate Coach Bill Rejected.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19,-The Ho Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—The House Railroad Committee to-night took unfavorable action on Crisp's separate coach bill, the bill being the one left in committee, a substitute for the one introduced by Williams of Scott, being now before the House. Another bill providing separate coaches on excursion trains was passed upon unfavorably. The bill providing that, when a long freight car is ordered and a short one delivered, the short one shall be paid for, will be reported favorably.

Supports Pawnbroker Bill. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

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Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—George C. Hitchcock of St. Louis appeared before the Senate Criminal Jurisprudence Committee to-night and presented arguments in favor of the bill providing for the establishment of pawnbroker associations under certain restrictions.

The Bill has been recommended by many prominent philanthropists and seeks to prevent extreme usury by private pawnbrokers. No report was made on the bill, Chairman Kinealy being sick. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 19.—Senator Jewell introduced a bill in the Senate this afternoon to require street car companies to
furnish universal transfers. The bill requires companies to furnish transfers on
transfers. "I do not intend that this bill
shall allow people to loop the loop," he
said, "and if necessary shall amend it to
prevent this."

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Douglass County's Petition.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

said, "and if necessary shall amend it to prevent this."

The game bill was made special order for next Tuesday at 2 p. m.

McIndoe's bill to provide for a new normal in Southwest Missourl and Stubb's's providing for two, one in the Northwest, were reported without recommendation by the Senate Educational Committee to-day. Schoenlaub's bill requiring the union label to be printed on all State printing was amended this afternoon to exclude country newspapers from the operation of the measure.

Senate bill 22, known as the "Valued Policy Law," was re-engrossed this afternoon with an amendment making the provisions apply to cities with 2,000 inhabitants or more. Mountain Grove, Mo., Feb. 19.—P. I. Zumait of Buckhart, Mo., departed for Jefferson City to-day with a petition signed by
769 of the most influential citizens of Douglas County praying for the Legislature to
pass an act establishing a branch court in
the center of the east end of the county.
Douglass County is forty-five miles long
and it is thirty-faree miles from the east
line of the county to Ava. TO TAKE POWER FROM GOVERNOR.

Arkansas House Amends Bill for Ap-REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lattle Rock, Ark. Feb. 19.—After another day of debate, the Senate failed to vote on the King antitrust bill.

The House amended the Futrell bill so as to provide that the General Assembly shall choose trustees of the State charitable institutions and the Penitentiary, thus taking the appointing power away from the Governor. ernor.

The House unanimously passed the Gantt bill, requesting street car companies in cities of the first class to provide separate accommodations for whites and negroes. The two Republican members of the House voted for the bill. A bill was passed entitling graduates of the University of Arkansas Law School to practice in the Supreme Court without ex-amination.

Freight Trains Collide. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carthage, Mo., Feb. 19.-A rear-end colli Carthage, Mo., Feb. 19.—A rear-end collision between two sections of a westbound heavy freight on the Frisco occurred shortly after noon one mile west of this city.

A second section crashed into the first, which was disabled. At the point of the wreck there is a sharp curve and heavy grade and the train was running at great speed. Three cars, including the caboose of the first section, were telescoped. The trainmen narrowly escaped death by jumping.

censes to the Tribune, which took the matters into the courts and compelled him to FOR BIG CITIES ONLY

House Engrosses Senate Bill Restricting the Operation of the Present Law.

Measure Introduced in the House Would Require Inspection Throughout State and Do Away With Fees.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 12.—After a dehate of two hours, the House to-day en-grossed a Senate bill limiting the operation of the factory inspection law to St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Joplin.

The matter came up on a majority and minority report from a special committee having under consideration the Sewate bill and a House bill, the latter stolishing the

fee system of inspection.

The Senate bill merely amends the present law by confining the operation of factory inspection to cities of 30,000 inhabitants tory inspection to cities of \$5,000 inhabitants and over. This takes in St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Joplin, The Senate bill does not disturb the fee system.

The House bill, introduced by Mr. Duncan of St. Joseph, abolished the fee system and appropriated \$5,000 for the next two years. It applied factory inspection to all parties of the State, as is provided in the present law, and provided for dividing the State into districts and at least two inspections annually.

ARGUMENTS IN HOUSE. ARGUMENTS IN HOUSE.

Mr. Haines of Saline favored the Senate bill. He said he was willing for the four large cities of the State to have factory inspection, but the rest of the State does not want it. For this reason, he hoped, the Senate bill would be adopted.

Mr. Parkinson of St. Joseph said the enactment of the Senate bill would be equivalent to a repeal of the present law. It would be class legislation and in conflict with the Constitution.

Mr. Murphy of St. Louis favored the House bill in a short speech, which he emphasized with a second and third speech later on.

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Mr. Colden of Nodaway, in attacking the House bill, drifted off into an attack on the large cities. He said they were always asking for something to the expense of which the remainder of the State would have to contribute, as in the case of the House bill under consideration.

"Do you know how much taxes St. Louis pays?" asked Mr. Selph of St. Louis.

"No," was the reply.

"Then why don't you take your seat?" said Mr. Selph.

"St. Louis pays 70 per cent on the actual valuation of all property," said Mr. Murphy of St. Louis. "And Nodaway County pays but 40 per cent. The large cities pay more than 75 per cent of all State taxes." Mr. Colder continued to excoriate the large cities, St. Louis, in particular. He said if it wasn't for the country grass would be growing in the streets of St. Louis.

Mr. Duncan made a strong speech in be-

Mr. Duncan made a strong speech in be-half of his bill. With some irony he ex-pressed great alarm for the welfare of Messrs. Colden of Nodaway and Young of Johnson for carrying the farmers on their shoulders.

Johnson for carrying the farmers on these shoulders.

He assumed that there are more honest occupations than one. Upon investigation he said it would be discovered that Mr. Collen was not a farmer, but lives in a town and is himself a consumer.

He concluded with an argument showing the evils that have been eradicated under an inspection of factories and the enforcement of the laws relating thereto.

JUGGLED WITH TALLY SHEET Brazen Effort to Steal an Election Is Brought to Light.

AB SPOUGHT TO Light.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Harrisburg. Ill., Feb. 19.—What is declared to be one of the boldest election robberies in the history of Saline County was brought to light here to-day in the contested case of Daniel H. Chofsser (Dem.) aguinst L. E. York (Rep.) for the office of County Superintendent of Schools.

The contest was instituted on the plea of fraud said to have been committeed in In. fraud said to have been committeed in Independent Precinct by erasures in the tally sheet and poll books, so as to give York three votes over Choisser.

The returns that were to have been handed to the Town Clerk were stolen and have not yet been found.

By request, Secretary of State Rose forwarded the returns, which were sent to him from this city to-day by his secretary. Harry Clanahan. Upon being opened in court it was found that the poll book was changed and rewritten in different ink, giving York four votes over Choisser, while the tally sheet remains as originally made out, giving Choisser three votes over York.

The case has been continued for further investigation.

FATHER AND SON ASPHYXIATED De Lorraine Was Chief Engineer

of the Monitor.

New York, Feb. 19.—Claude de Lorraine, who was chief engineer of the Monitor when that vessel sank the Merrimac in the Civil War, and his son, Edward, aged 24, were found dead from asphyxiation to-day at their home in Brooklyn. Gas escaped through a defective tube connecting a gas stove. through a desective cube connecting a gas stove.

Mr. De Lorraine, after the war, drew the Government plans for raising the sunken vessels in Charleston harbor. He was 85 years old and was at one time chief en-gineer of the Clyde steamship line.

Actress Undergoes Operation. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

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New York, Feb. 19.—Friends of Cecella

Loftus, the actress, were considerably relieved to learn to-day that she had rallied
after a most serious operation at St. Vincent's Hospital. The actress will be able to
leave the hospital within a week, the doctors say, and will be able to resume her
stage work within a month.

Current Topics Club Meets. The Current Topics Club met last night at the Y. M. C. A. and discussed modern civilization as compared with Greek and Roman. Among the speakers were E. M. Grossman, V. D. Rossman, Frank Y. Glad-ney and T. F. Chaplin. Refreshments were

Fatal Wreck Near Fort Worth. Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 19.—An eastbound Texas Pacific passenger train was wrecked fourteen miles west of here to-day. J. D. Matthews of Athens, Tenn., and J. H. Riley of Harmony, W. Va., were killed. C. E. Moody of Gainesville, Tex., was the only passenger injured.

Erie Improvements.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The Eric Rail-road Company to-day was granted consent by the State Board of Railroad Commis-sioners to issue a mortgage for \$50,000,000 for improvements and betterments with the provision that only \$55,000,000 be issued and that the road should make application for the board's approval at a future date before issuing the remaining \$25,000,000.

COTTON ALMOST AT TEN-CENT MARK,

Advance of a Dollar a Bale Was Attended by Excited Scenes at New York Exchange.

FEE SYSTEM IS UNDISTURBED. SPECULATION AS TO A CORNER.

Bears Denounce Boldness of Pools They Accuse of Manipulating Market-Panic-Stricken Shorts Try to Cover.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New York, Feb. 19.—There was a further violent advance in the price of cotton today, which carried prices up to the sedson's record figures. Cotton is now selling on practically a 10-cent basis for immediate deliveries, and the entire trade is wonder ing whether the movement will force the prices of options for near-by months up to that figure.

The top-notch figures for cotton reaches to-day were 9.90 cents a pound for Febru-ary, 9.85c for March and May and 9.69c for July. The closing figures were the best of the day.

As a rule when cotton touche pound every one in the trade repeats the old saying, "Cotton is king," but such was not the case to-day. Practically the entire Cotton Exchange was figuring whether i corner had not developed in the cotton man ket, and those who vigorously opposed the recent upward movement were loud in their denunciations of the boldness of the pools conducting the bull compaign in cotton.

Less than two weeks ago the bears ridi

culed the statement that spot cotton would reach 10 cents a pound and customers were advised to take profits and get out of the market.

Since that time cotton has advanced nearly \$5 a bale.

Disappointed bears did not lose heart during the advance, but became more confident as the price moved upward. To-night the cotton trade closed its business in a more mystified condition as to the future of the market than has been the case in many

EXCITEMENT IN AFTERNOON.

The trading in the morning did not indicate that there were any surprises in store, cate that there were any surprises in store. for there was a dull and heavy tendency. In the afternoon, however, the market de veloped marvelous strength and prices began to-climb. There were the usual exciting cenes on the floor of the exchange, and before the close the pit was in a ferment of

Frightened shorts began to cover, but there was little cotton for sale, and this, coupled with aggressive buying by the sools, shot quotations up to the highest of

Sinister reports of a corner were in cir ulation and those who had sold the market short during the last day or two scramble n mad haste to buy back what they had old, but did not own. The gain in dollars at the close of the

market amounted to from \$1 to \$1.25 a bale. On the exchange it is said that one of the most potent factors in the persistent advance in cotton prices has been the buy-ing in this market by Egyptian merchants Alexandria and Liverpool buying in ou market, cotton brokers state, has been the prime cause of the big lift in prices, although no reason other than for speculative purposes has been advanceed to explain their purchases.

Members of the Cotton Exchange considered the question of closing the Exchange on Saturday next for an extra holiday, but it was decided not to do so on account of the critical condition of the market.

ROMANCE IN ENGAGEMENT OF BOONVILLE GIRL

How Son of Prominent New York Preacher Met His Missouri Brideto-Be in West Virginia.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, Feb. 19.-Behind the mere an councement that Robert F. MacArthur, sor of the Reverend Doctor Robert MacArthur,

rector of Calvary Baptist Church, is to be married a week from to-day to Miss Nellie Young of Boonville, Mo., is a pretty romance that introduces the hero in the garb of a laborer in the oil fields of West Virginia and the heroine on horseback.
Young Mr. MacArthur, fond of outdoor life and anxious to begin at the bottom, where he had nothing to lose and all to where he had nothing to lose and all to gain, went into the mountains of West Vir-ginia as a day laborer, with his pick and shovel. Although fresh from college, the outdoor life in the oil fields agreed with him, and he was promoted until he was made assistant superintendent.
One day Miss Young, in riding her favorite horse, went over to the wells to watch the work. The handsome young superintendent acted as her guide. The friendship of that day was continued until the two became engaged.

Busy Bee Bargain Day To-Day. Assorted nut chips, 10c per pound.

SEARCH FOR ALBERT A. WATTS Police Are Asked to Locate For-

mer Hotel Proprietor. mer Hotel Proprietor.

The police were requested yesterday to locate Albert A. Watts, 47 years old, who was formerly proprietor of the Granville Hotel, at Grand avenue and Vandeventer place. He has been missing since Tuesday.

At the hotel it was stated that, although he had sold his interests in the place several months ago, Mr. Watts still lived there. Tuesday morning he left the place, saying he was going to Union Station, and has not been seen there since.

His wife and one son and a daughter also lived at the hotel, but departed several days ago for a town in Minnesota. Watts is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 185 pounds. When he left the hotel he wore a brown suit long dark blue overcoat and black Fedora hat.

Walsh Ahead of Kling in Pool Match By winning last night's game, Pat Walsh, the Eastern pool expert, goes ahead of Kilng of aKnsas City in their special match at the Empire. Walsh has 400 points against 335 for his opponent. Walsh's high run was 33, while King made a high run

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Lame back is only one symptom of kid-

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CHURCH WILL ASSIST PHILIPPINE EXHIBIT.

President of the Exposition Junta Enlists Co-operation of the Apostolic Delegate.

REPLY FAVORABLE. GUIDI'S

Reverend Father Rogers of the St. Louis University Receives Translated Copies of the Official Correspondence.

The St. Louis Exposition Junta, with headquarters in Manila, has enlisted the cooperation of the Catholic Church in the Philippines, in an effort to secure a comprehensive Philippine exhibit at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1887, according to a translation of correspondence published by the Libertas, a daily newspaper published in Manila, in the issue of December 22, 1902. Copies of the translated letters were furnished the Reverend Father W. B. Rogers of the St. Louis University. Doctor Gustav Niederlein, president of the Junta, ad-dressed this letter to the Apostolic Delegate; Most Reverend Sir: The Exposition Junta, created by the Insular Government to effect a representation of the Philippine Islands at the St. Louis Exposition in 194, has forwarded to the Provisional Architishop of Manila a communication in which it is shown to be highly fitting that this binta enjoy the co-operation of your excelency in its project of providing a due representation at St. Louis of the ecclematical interests of the Philippines.

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Equally interesting will be the models of thurches and other edifices, which the priests of your religion constructed in the early days, and which remain as types of the architecture then prevailing in the Orient. As the present civilization of the Fhilippines stands in very clear and definite relations to that formerly existing, the Exposition Junta is of the (pinion that it will prove of the highest utility to science to bring together memorials of the influence exercised by the great civilizing power of your church.

We have no doubt that your Excellency will realize the advantages that must accrue from such an exhibit in bringing must clearly into view the actual situation and drift of things in the Philippines. We would be highly gratined to have the co-operation of your Excellency, and

The Exposition Junia will have a cuch intitative on the part of your Excellency, and will afford all necessary guarantees for what ever things the church and the religious corporations may present for the purpose mentioned. We believe that this participation will be highly appreciated both by the Filipino and that American people, and that it will nelp to create more satisfactory relations between them than those hitherto existing.

As stated in the communication addressed to the Archishap of Manila, we are, moreover, exceedingly desirous of securing books, manuscripts, letters and maps, at present in the exclusive possession of the clergy, in view of the fact that this literature is the only source from which it is possible to obtain a perfect knowledge of the development of the Islands, and in the hops that it may contribute largely to modify prevailing opinions, a result which has elsewhere followed upon the study of similar works.

While we realise that this undertaking may startle your excellency by reason of its manginude, we do not hesitate to solicit your occupanting for the purposes advanced. The Exposition Junta is prepared to facilitate the gathering and publication of all necessary information, and to lend pecuniary help, if such be needed. Trusting that your excellency will deem it proper to contribute his share toward making this country perfectly known, we are, etc.

In reply to your favor, etc., I have the funforming you that it will afford me that satisfaction to assist and co-operate a lary mainer within my reach, in the exclesisatical interests at the St. Louis item. mider the project praiseworthy in the high-gree and deserving of all consideration. It mmittee or some one of its members should

I consider the project project of all consideration. If the committee or some one of its members should be pleased to visit me, in order to settle upon the best pinn of carrying out the proposed exhibit. I shall take the greatest pleasure in transacting with him this business. (Signed)

Archibishop of Stauropolis and Delegate Apostolic. ROOSEVELT'S

Was Guest at Luncheon of General Miles's Daughters. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 19.—Miss Alco Roosevelt and Miss Root were the guesta to-day at luncheon of the Misses Miles, daughters of General Miles. daughters of General Miles.

During the evening they were entertained at the Boston Club, from the windows of which they viewed the parade of the Knights of Momins in tableau representing Indian myths. The entire party subsequently attended the Momus ball at the Franch Opera-house.

Miss Roosevelt and Miss Root will attend a special performance at the French operato-morrow night.

AMES REQUISITION GRANTED. By Agreement, Service of Papers

Will Be Delayed. Concord. N. H., Feb. 12.—Requisition papers in the case of ex-Mayor Ames of Minneapolis were honored by Governor Eatchelder after a hearing to-day.

By agreement of counsel in the case, the papers will not be serviceable until March 5. One of Mr. Ames's lawyers stated that his client would return to Minneapolis without extradition if his health would permit.

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